

Fredericksburg Cyclists has a paid club account with a service known as RideWithGPS.com. This service, *offered at no cost to you*, allows you to access select premium-level features while riding on a club route. These free features include, but are not limited to:

- Turn-by-Turn Voice Navigation with the mobile app
- Off-line maps so that turn-by-turn navigation is uninterrupted in low signal areas
- PDF Maps and Cue sheets for those who prefer a paper copy
- Advanced Turn Notifications with TCX files that work on many cycling computers
- Estimated Time to complete a route based on your ride history
- Data about your completed ride including distance, duration, average speed, elevation gain and loss, and more.

Here is how to get started:

1. Go to the Ride with GPS website and sign up for a free account. It is probably best to do this at home on a computer or tablet.
2. Download the free RWGPS App on your Apple or Android phone.
3. On your computer or tablet, link your free account to the Club's account by clicking the orange **Apply to Join** link on the right side of the Fredericksburg Cyclists RWGPS home page. The club site can be found at <https://ridewithgps.com/organizations/1637-fredericksburg-cyclists-inc/home>. To enable the member coordinator to efficiently approve access, it is encouraged that the RWGPS account use the same email address as the FCC Club account. If you have trouble, email Mike Schumm at [mjiskas1@yahoo.com](mailto:mjiskas1@yahoo.com) and ask for assistance. Please include 'RWGPS' in the subject line.
4. Log on again to RWGPS on your phone, and in the middle of the Home page, click "Clubs." You should see Fredericksburg Cyclists, Inc. and our club logo on your screen. You can also click "More" on the bottom menu bar and then click "Organizations." (on iPhones, click on 'Club' instead of 'Organizations')
5. Click on our club, and you will see Events and Organization Routes. Under Organization Routes you will find the club routes organized by a two-letter system referring to the starting point of the rides. For example, HM stands for Hopewell Methodist (Church), MC refers to the Mormon Church, SY to the Spotsylvania YMCA, and so on. The list of start points is available on the web on the RWGPS club home page.

### Tips for Success

From a computer web browser, go to the Fredericksburg Cyclists Ride With GPS site and read more about our route naming and numbering system. Visit our Route Library to peruse our routes and decide which ones suit you based on location, distance, and elevation. View a route and see how it provides both map and cue sheet. If you want to carry a paper copy with you, print the cue sheet while at home. Our Ride Leaders do not provide cue sheets.

Download the route while you are at home because cell phone connectivity can be spotty at some starting points. Once you arrive at the ride start point, you will be able to begin navigation in off-line mode which will protect you against cell signal loss and will extend your phone's battery run-time. Try not to run other apps during the ride (Strava, Map My Ride, etc.) as they will also drain your battery. Do not use Airplane Mode as you still need a GPS satellite signal to navigate, even in off-line mode. With these power-saving tips, you can successfully use turn-by-turn navigation to complete even a century without losing battery life.

\*\*It is important to note that these features are ONLY available when navigating one of the routes in the Club Library. If you try to navigate a non-club route, a club route that you copied into your own account, one that you created, etc., RWGPS may ask you to upgrade to a premium plan. This is your choice, but *it is not necessary if you use RWGPS while navigating one of the club routes already in our Club Library*. It is also not necessary when navigating using non-club routes, just be aware that you will not have the premium features available to you for those routes (i.e., downloadable maps and voice navigation).

If you feel you have just ridden an excellent ride and that others should know about it, you can email our Ride Captain, Chuck Daniels, or RWGP Route Manager, Mike Schumm, and suggest they add the route to our Club Library.